

## A Fingerstyle Guitar Christmas

28 Songs for Holiday Rejoicing including
The Coventry Carol, I Saw Three Ships, Joy to the World,
Silent Night, and We Wish You a Merry Christmas





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## Angels We Have Heard on High





Additional Lyrics

2. Shepherds why this jubilee, Why your joyous strains prolong? What the gladsome tidings be Which inspire your heavenly song?

## **Auld Lang Syne**

Words by Robert Burns Traditional Melody





#### **Ave Maria**

By Franz Schubert

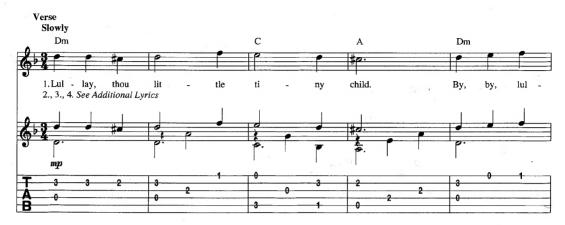






## **The Coventry Carol**

#### Traditional





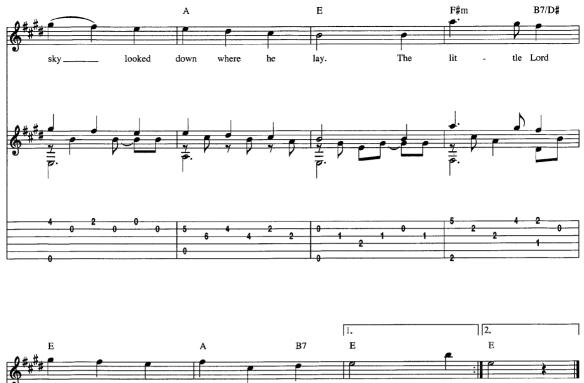


- 2. Oh, sisters too,
  How may we do,
  For to preserve this day?
  This poor youngling,
  For whom we sing
  By, by, lully lullay.
- 3. Herod the king,
  In his raging,
  Charged he hath this day.
  His men of might,
  In his own sight,
  All young children to slay.
- 4. That woe is me, Poor child for thee! And ever morn and day, For thy parting Neither say nor sing By, by, lully, lullay!

## Away in a Manger

Words by Martin Luther Music by Jonathan E. Spillman







2. The cattle are lowing,
The baby awakes,
But little Lord Jesus,
No crying He makes.
I love thee, Lord Jesus,
Look down from the sky,
And stay by my cradle
'Til morning is nigh.

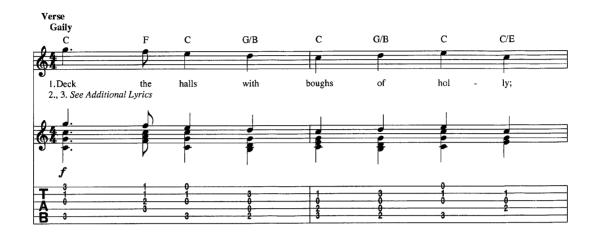
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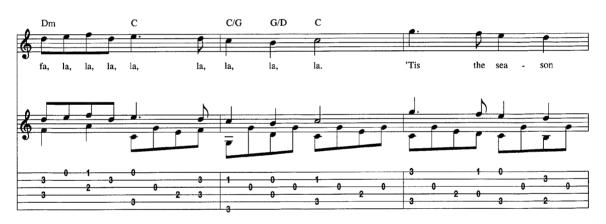




2. Hasten now, good folks of the village; Hasten now, the Christ Child to see. You will find Him asleep in a manger, Quitely come and whisper softly. Hush, hush, peacefully now He slumbers; Hush, hush, peacefully now He sleeps.

#### **Deck the Hall**









3. Fast away the old year passes; Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la. Hail the new ye lads and lasses; Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la. Sing we joyous all together; Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la. Heedless of the wind and weather; Fa, la, la, la, la, la, la, la, la.

#### The First Noël





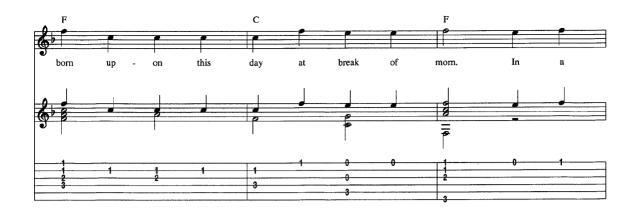
- They looked up and saw a star Shining in the East, beyond them far. And to the earth it gave great light And so it continued both day and night.
- And by the light of that same star,
   Three wise man came from country far;
   To seek for a king was their intent,
   And to follow the star wherever it went.
- 4. This star drew nigh to the northwest, O'er Bethlehem it took its rest; And there it did both stop and stay, Right over the place where Jesus lay.
- Then entered in those wise men three, Full reverently upon their knee; And offered there in His presence, Their gold, and myrrh, and frankincense.

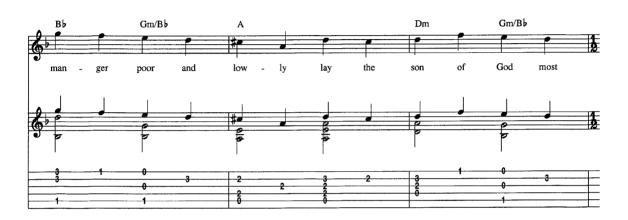
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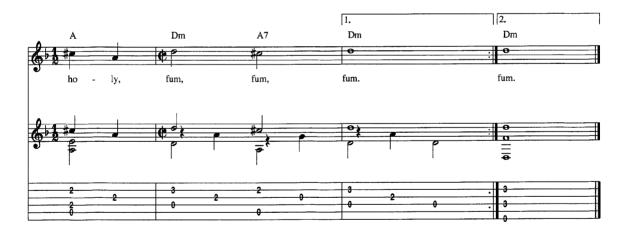
#### Fum, Fum, Fum

Traditional Spanish Carol







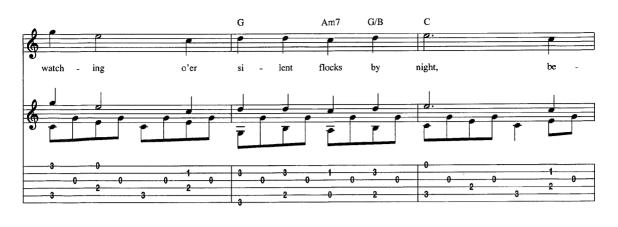


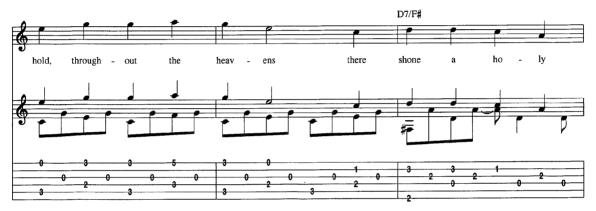
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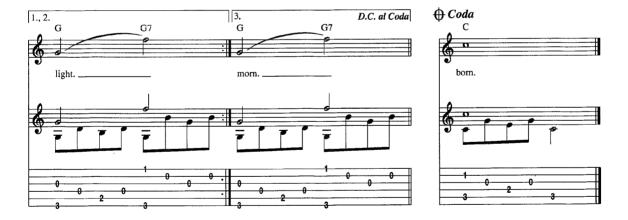
2. Thanks to God for holidays,
Sing fum, fum, fum.
Thanks to God for holidays,
Sing fum, fum, fum.
Now we all our voices raise.
And sing a song of grateful praise.
Celebrate in song and story,
All the wonders of His glory.
Fum, fum, fum.

## Go Tell It on the Mountain









- 2. The shepherds feared and trembled When, lo! above the earth Rang out the angel chorus That hailed our Savior's birth.
- 3. Down in a lowly manger Our humble Christ was born And God sent of salvation That blessed Christmas morn.

## God Rest Ye Merry, Gentlemen



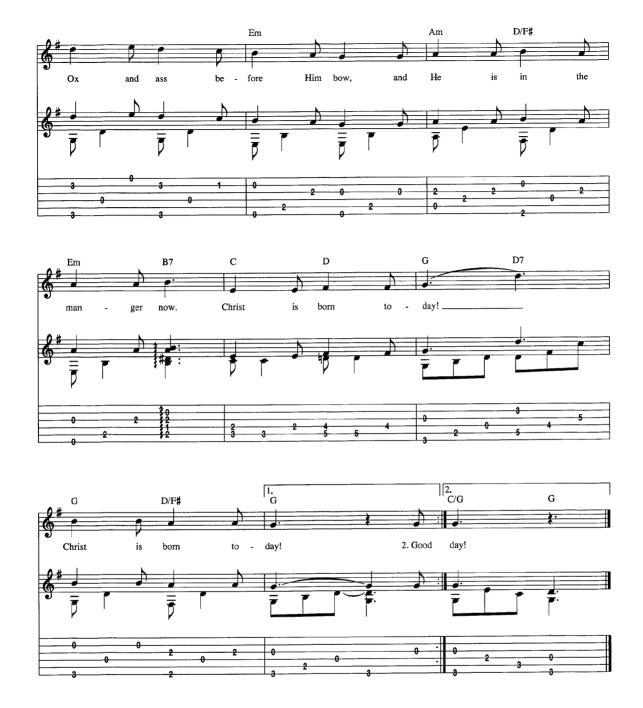




- From God our Heav'nly Father blessed angel came, And unto certain shepherds brought tidings of the same, How that in Bethlehem was born the Son of God by name;
- The shepherds at those tidings rejoiced much in mind, And left their flocks a feeding, in tempest, storm and wind, And went to Bethlehem straight way this blessed babe to find;
- 4. But when to Bethlehem they came, whereat this infant lay, They found him in a manger, where oxen feed on hay; His mother Mary kneeling, unto the Lord did pray;
- Now to the Lord sing praises, all you within this place, And with true love and brotherhood, each other now embrace; This holy tide of Christmas all others doth deface;

## Good Christian Men, Rejoice

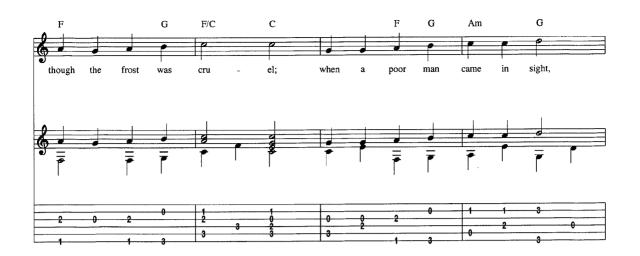




Good Christian men, rejoice
With heart and soul and voice.
Now ye hear of endless bliss:
Jesus Christ was born for this.
He hath op'd the heavenly door,
And man is blessed evermore.
Christ was born for this!
Christ was born for this!

## **Good King Wenceslas**







- 2. "Hither page, and stand by me, If thou know'st it, telling; Yonder peasant, who is he? Where and what his dwelling?" "Sire, he lives a good league hence, Underneath the mountain; Right against the forest fence, By Saint Agnes' fountain."
- 3. "Bring me flesh and bring me wine,
  Bring me pine-logs hither;
  Thou and I will see him dine
  When we bring them thither."
  Page and monarch forth they went,
  Forth they went together;
  Through the rude winds wild lament,
  And the bitter weather.

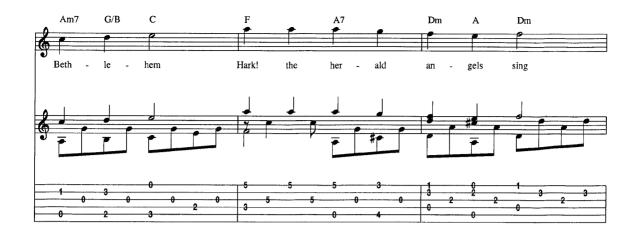
- 4. "Sire, the night is darker now, And the wind blows stronger; Fails my heart, I know not how, I can go not longer." "Mark my footsteps, my good page, Tread thou in them boldly: Thou shalt find the winter's rage Freeze thy blood less coldly."
- 5. In his master's steps he trod,
  Where the snow lay dinted;
  Heat was in the very sod
  Which the saint was printed.
  Therefore, Christian men, be sure,
  Wealth or rank possessing;
  Ye who now will bless the poor,
  Shall yourselves find blessing.

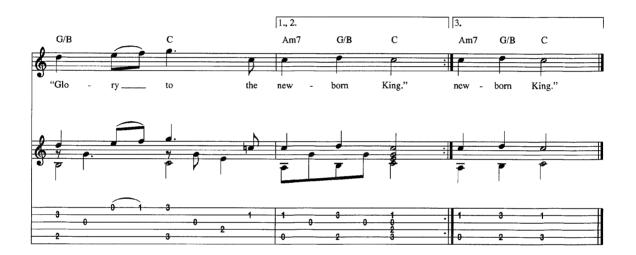
## Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Words by Charles Wesley
Music by Felix Mendelssohn-Bartholdy







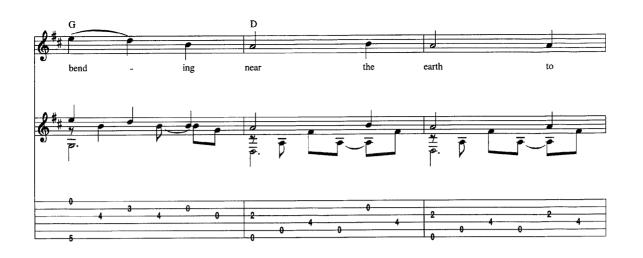


- 2. Christ, by highest heav'n adored, Christ the everlasting Lord, Late in time behold him come Offspring of a virgin's womb: Veiled in flesh the Godhead see, Hail th'incarnate Deity! Pleased as man with man to dwell, Jesus, our Emmanuel. Hark! the herald angels sing, "Glory to the newborn King."
- 3. Hail the heav'n born Prince of Peace!
  Hail the Sun of Righteousness!
  Light and life to all he brings,
  Risen with healing in His wings;
  Mild he lays His glory by,
  Born that man no more may die,
  Born to raise the sons of earth,
  Born to give them second birth.
  Hark! the herald angels sing,
  "Glory to the newborn King."

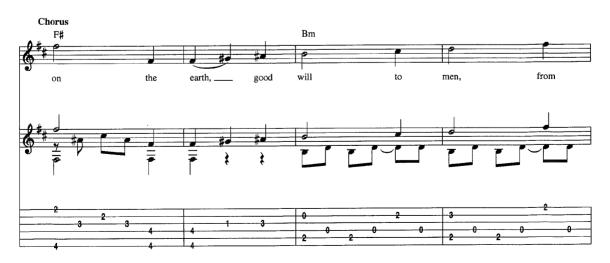
## It Came Upon the Midnight Clear

Words by Edmund H. Sears Music by Richard Storrs Willis















## Here We Come A-Wassailing

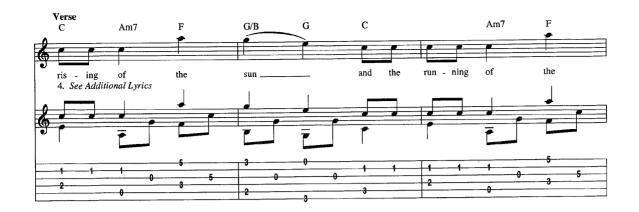


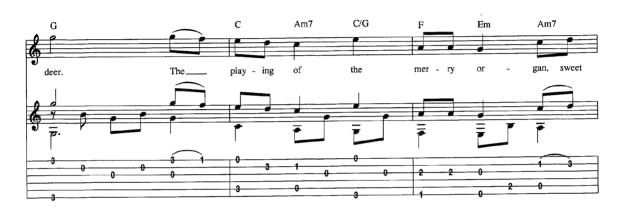


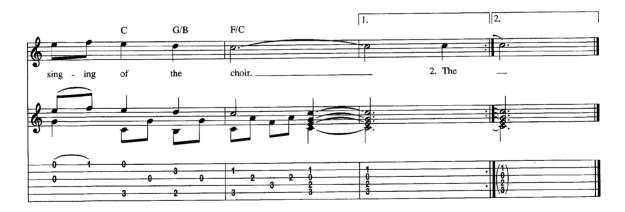
- 2. We are not the beggars
  That beg from door to door.
  But we are neighbor children
  Whom you have seen before.
- 3. We have got a little purse Of stretching leather skin. We want a little money To line it well within.
- God bless the master of this house Likewise the mistress too; And all the little children That round the table go.

# The Holly and the lvy









- 3. The holly bears a blossom
  As white as lily flow'r,
  And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
  To be our sweet Saviour.
- The holly bears a berry,
   As red as any blood,
   And Mary bore sweet Jesus Christ,
   To do poor sinners good.

## I Saw Three Ships

Traditional Irish Carol





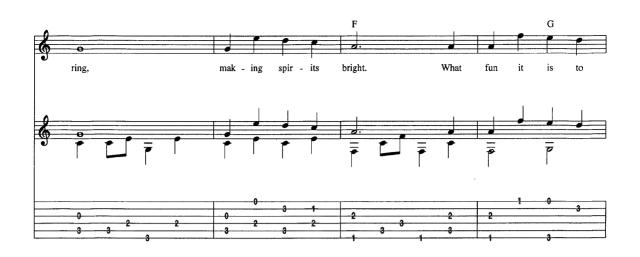
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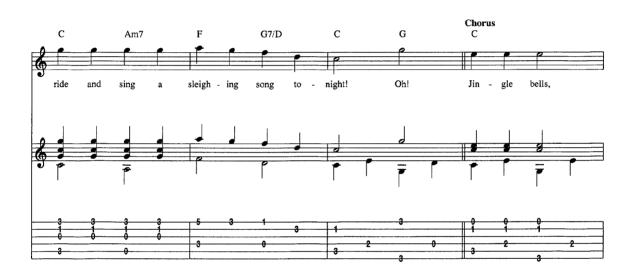
- 4. Pray, whither sailed those ships all three?
- 5. O, they sailed into Bethlehem
- 6. And all the bells on earth shall ring,
- 7. And all the angels in heaven shall sing,
- 8. And all the souls on earth shall sing,
- 9. Then let us all rejoice amain!

# Jingle Bells

Words and Music by J. Pierpont











- A day or two ago, I thought I'd take a ride.
   And soon Miss Fanny Bright was sitting by my side.
   The horse was lean and lank,
   Misfortune seemed his lot.
   He got into a drifted bank and we, we got upshot!
- 3. Now the ground is white, go it while you're young.
  Take the girls tonight and sing this sleighing song.
  Just a bobtail bay,
  Two-forty for his speed.
  Then hitch him to an open sleigh and
  Crack, you'll take the lead!

# We Three Kings of Orient Are

Words and Music by John H. Hopkins

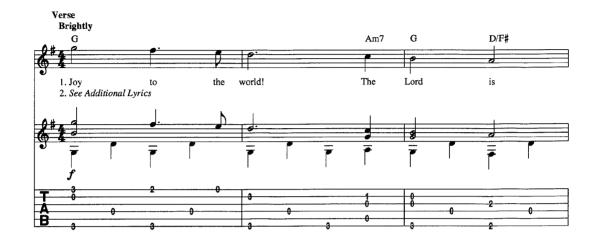


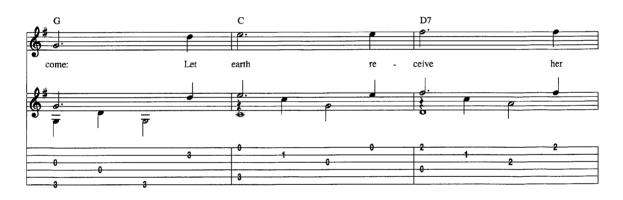




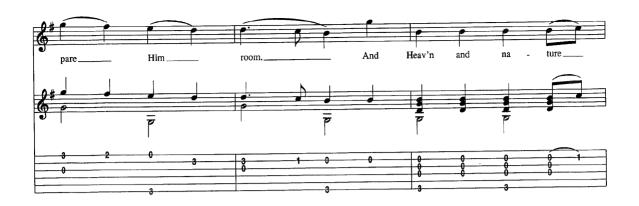
# Joy to the World

Words by Isaac Watts Music by George F. Handel

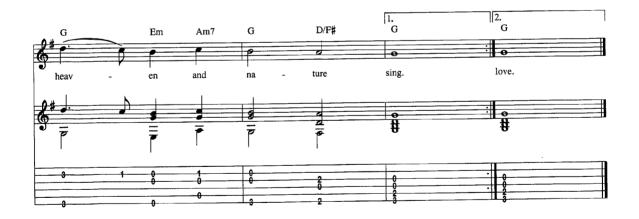








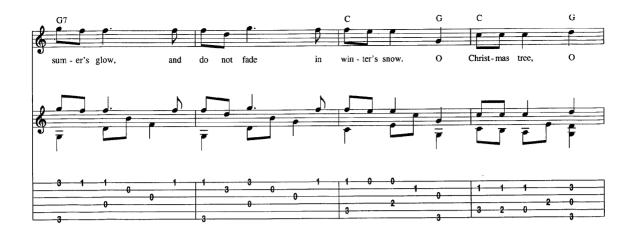


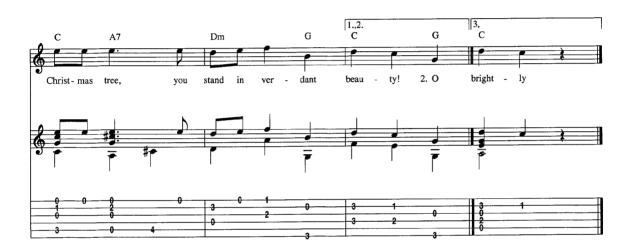


2. He rules the world with truth and grace And makes the nations prove The glories of His righteousness And wonders of His love, And wonders of His love. And wonders, wonders of His love.

# O Christmas Tree







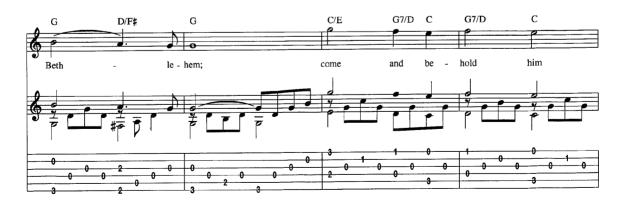
- O, Christmas tree! O, Christmas tree, Much pleasure doth thou bring me! O, Christmas tree! O, Christmas tree, Much pleasure doth thou bring me! For every year the Christmas tree Brings to us all both joy and glee. O, Christmas tree! O, Christmas tree, Much pleasure doth thou bring me!
- 3. O, Christmas tree! O, Christmas tree,
  Thy candles shine out brightly!
  O, Christmas tree! O, Christmas tree,
  Thy candles shine out brightly!
  Each bough doth hold its tiny light
  That makes each toy to sparkle bright.
  O, Christmas tree! O, Christmas tree,
  Thy candles shine out brightly!

# O Come, All Ye Faithful (Adeste Fidelis)

Words and Music by John Francis Wade Latin Words translated by Frederick Oakeley





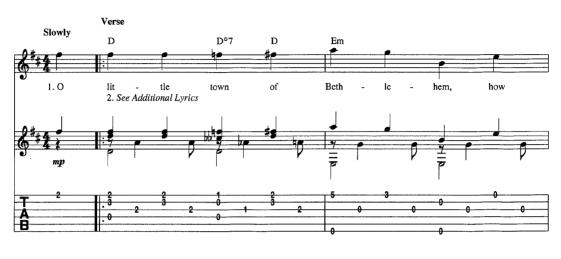


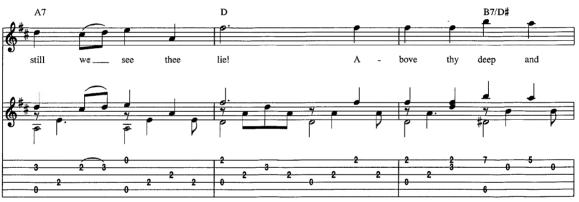


Sing choirs of angels, sing in exultation.
 O sing all ye citizens of heaven above.
 Glory to God in the highest.

## O Little Town of Bethlehem

Words by Phillips Brooks Music by Lewis H. Redner









2. For Christ is born of Mary, and gathered all above; While mortals sleep the angels keep Their watch of wond'ring love; O morning stars, together proclaim the holy birth And praises sing to God the King, And peace to men on earth!

## **Silent Night**

Words by Joseph Mohr Music by Franz Gruber





Additional Lyrics

2. Silent night, holy night!
Shepherds quake at the sight,
Glories stream from heaven afar.
Heavenly hosts sing Alleluia.
Christ the Savior is born!
Christ the Savior is born!

3. Silent night, holy night!
Son of God, loves's pure light.
Radiant beams from Thy holy face
With the dawn of redeeming grace,
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.
Jesus Lord at Thy birth.

# **Up on the Housetop**





Additional Lyrics

2. First comes the stocking of Little Nell, Oh, dear Santa, fill it well.

Give her a dollie that laughs and cries, One that will open and shut her eyes.

# We Wish You a Merry Christmas







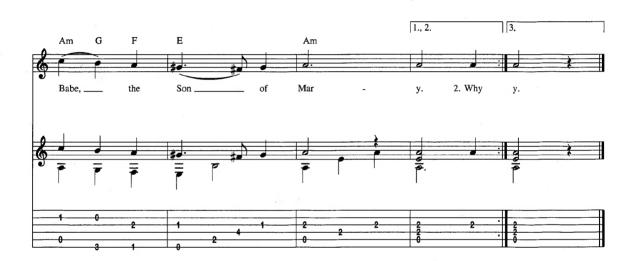
- 2. Now bring us some figgy pudding. Now bring us some figgy pudding. Now bring us some figgy pudding, And bring some out here.
- 3. For we all like figgy pudding. We all like figgy pudding. We all like figgy pudding, So bring some out here.
- 4. And we won't go until we get some. We won't go until we get some. We won't go until we get some, So bring some out here!

## What Child Is This?









Why lies he in such mean estate
 Where ox and ass are feeding?
 Come have no fear, God's Son is here,
 His love all loves exceeding.

Chorus Nails, spear, shall pierce Him through,
The cross be borne for me for you:
Hail, hail, the Savior comes,
The babe the Son of Mary.

 So bring Him incense, gold and myrrh, All tongues and people own him.
 The King of kings salvation brings, Let every heart enthrone Him:

Chorus Raise, raise your song on high While Mary sings a lullaby;
Joy, joy for Christ is born,
The Babe, the Son of Mary.

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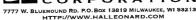


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